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MOTOR VEHICLES PER DWELLING - 2006 CENSUS ACT, Queanbeyan and Australia

This article contains data from the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, conducted on 8 August 2006, and presents details on registered motor vehicles (excluding motorbikes and scooters) owned or used by residents at occupied private dwellings for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the Local Government Area (LGA) of Queanbeyan, and for Australia as a whole. For comparison, data from the 1996 and 2001 Censuses have also been included where available.

Motor vehicles per dwelling

For the ACT, Queanbeyan and Australia, the proportion of dwellings at which there were either two motor vehicles or at least three motor vehicles showed a steady increase from Census 1996 to Census 2006:

- The proportion of ACT dwellings with two motor vehicles increased from 36% to 39% and the proportion with three or more motor vehicles increased from 11% to 15%.
- The proportion of Queanbeyan dwellings with two motor vehicles increased from 34% to 37% and the proportion with three or more motor vehicles increased from 11% to 17%.
- For Australia as a whole, the proportion of dwellings with two motor vehicles increased from 34% to 37% and the proportion with three or more motor vehicles increased from 12% to 15%.

In contrast, the proportion of dwellings at which there were no motor vehicles or one motor vehicle declined from Census 1996 to Census 2006:

- The proportion of ACT dwellings with no motor vehicles decreased from 9% to 7%, and with one motor vehicle from 44% to 39%.
- The proportion of Queanbeyan dwellings with no motor vehicles decreased from 12% to 8%, and with one motor vehicle from 44% to 38%.
- For Australia as a whole, the proportion of dwellings with no motor vehicles decreased from 12% to 10%, and with one motor vehicle from 42% to 38%.

MOTOR VEHICLES PER DWELLING (a) (b), ACT, Queanbeyan and Australia, Census 1996, 2001, 2006

	1996	2001	2006

	No. of dwellings	%	No. of dwellings	%	No. of dwellings	%
ACT						
Number of motor vehicles per dwelling:						
None	9,071	8.9	8,396	7.7	8,307	7.2
1 motor vehicle	44,717	43.7	45,238	41.6	44,913	38.9
2 motor vehicles	37,177	36.3	41,061	37.8	44,500	38.6
3 or more motor vehicles	11,385	11.1	13,938	12.8	17,597	15.3
Total	102,350	100.0	108,633	100.0	115,317	100.0
Dwellings where number of vehicles not stated	4,336		6,209		7,582	
Queanbeyan (c)						
Number of motor vehicles per dwelling:						
None	1,190	11.5	1,123	9.6	1,043	8.1
1 motor vehicle	4,578	44.3	4,836	41.3	4,826	37.6
2 motor vehicles	3,462	33.5	4,185	35.8	4,738	36.9
3 or more motor vehicles	1,095	10.6	1,561	13.3	2,218	17.3
Total	10,325	100.0	11,705	100.0	12,825	100.0
Dwellings where number of vehicles not stated	618		762		1,175	
Australia						
Number of motor vehicles per dwelling:						
None	756,250	12.3	708,073	10.7	699,958	10.0
1 motor vehicle	2,589,024	42.1	2,692,213	40.7	2,670,321	38.1
2 motor vehicles	2,089,541	34.0	2,328,185	35.2	2,557,023	36.5
3 or more motor vehicles	719,270	11.7	886,509	13.4	1,075,723	15.4
Total	6,154,085	100.0	6,614,980	100.0	7,003,025	100.0
Dwellings where number of vehicles not stated	341,987		457,222		593,156	

(a) Excludes motorbikes/scooters. (b) Count of occupied private dwellings - excludes unoccupied private dwellings, non-private dwellings and migratory, off-shore and shipping CDs. (c) Census 2006 geographical boundaries for Queanbeyan LGA have been applied in compiling the details for Census 1996 and 2001.

Source: Census Data

Average number of motor vehicles per dwelling

For the 2006 Census, 194,400 registered motor vehicles were reported as being garaged or parked at 115,320 occupied private dwellings in the ACT, giving an average of 1.7 vehicles per dwelling, compared to an average of 1.6 vehicles per dwelling for Census 2001. For the ACT, the number of motor vehicles reported has increased by around 18,850 (11%) over the five years to 2006. The average number of motor vehicles per dwelling in Queanbeyan has shown a similar increase, from 1.6 to 1.7 vehicles, with the number of vehicles reported increasing by 3,560 (19%) to 22,305 over the five years to 2006.

The ACT districts (Statistical Sub-divisions) showing the largest increases in the number of motor vehicles reported from Census 2001 to Census 2006 were Gungahlin-Hall, Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

AVERAGE MOTOR VEHICLES PER DWELLING (a) (b), BY ACT

SSDs and Queanbeyan, Census 2001 & 2006

	Number of dwellings	% of dwellings	Number of reported motor vehicles	% of motor vehicles	Average number of motor vehicles per dwelling
2001					
ACT:					
North Canberra	13,993	12.9	18,096	10.3	1.3
Belconnen	28,739	26.5	47,981	27.3	1.7
Woden Valley	12,179	11.2	18,552	10.6	1.5
Weston Creek-Stromlo	8,446	7.8	14,122	8.0	1.7
Tuggeranong	28,273	26.0	50,110	28.5	1.8
South Canberra	8,809	8.1	12,868	7.3	1.5
Gungahlin-Hall	8,082	7.4	13,607	7.8	1.7
ACT-Balance	135	0.1	211	0.1	1.6
Total ACT	108,633	100.0	175,547	100.0	1.6
NSW:					
Queanbeyan (c)	11,705	100.0	18,746	100.0	1.6
2006					
ACT:					
North Canberra	15,846	13.7	21,138	10.9	1.3
Belconnen	29,803	25.8	52,011	26.8	1.7
Woden Valley	12,285	10.6	19,472	10.0	1.6
Weston Creek-Stromlo	8,339	7.2	14,266	7.3	1.7
Tuggeranong	28,937	25.1	54,116	27.8	1.9
South Canberra	9,574	8.3	14,463	7.4	1.5
Gungahlin-Hall	10,454	9.1	18,748	9.6	1.8
ACT-Balance	81	0.1	200	0.1	2.5
Total ACT	115,317	100.0	194,394	100.0	1.7
NSW:					
Queanbeyan	12,825	100.0	22,305	100.0	1.7
(a) Excludes motorbikes/scooters. (b) Count of occupied private dwellings - excludes dwellings where the number of vehicles were not stated, unoccupied private dwellings, non-private dwellings and migratory, off-shore and shipping CDs. (c) Census 2006 geographical boundaries for Queanbeyan LGA have been applied in compiling the details for Census 2001.					

Source: Census Data

Further information

A wide range of first release 2006 Census data, including additional information on motor vehicles per dwelling is available free online at www.abs.gov.au/census. The information can be viewed in the format of tables, thematic maps, or graphs via the online options of QuickStats, MapStats, Census Tables and Community Profiles.

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